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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/517,466; Filed: March 2, 2000
For: **Compositions and Methods for Use in Recombinational
Cloning of Nucleic Acids**
Inventors: Hartley *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4680003/RWE/BJD

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated May 16, 2000, Applicants submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Original Declaration for Patent Application, executed by the inventors;
4. Our Check No. 28116 for \$2,754.00 to cover:
\$690.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)
\$1,934.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)
\$130.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16); and
5. Return postcard.

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Declaration for Patent Application

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Docket Number: 0942.4680003/RWE/BJD

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Compositions and Methods for Use in Recombinational Cloning of Nucleic Acids, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on March 2, 2000; as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/517,466; and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application, which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

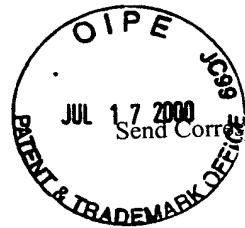
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or under § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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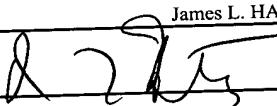
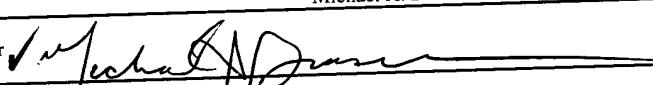
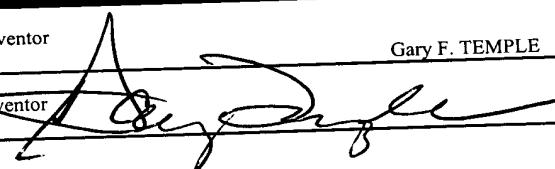


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